

The Holbrook News

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Boost for Holbrook. Organize a
commercial club.

Keep your good eye on Holbrook,
she is a winner.

Good churches and good schools
make a good community.

Churches would help to build up the
town. Why not get to work?

An artesian well or a long distance
water pipe line for Holbrook.

Three new brick buildings and one
stone for Holbrook. Watch us grow.

Make Holbrook what it should be—
the best town in the Territory for
homes.

Two banks and a newspaper within
a month in Holbrook. Doing pretty
well, thank you.

Plenty of water here to make this
country blossom like a rose and we will
have it on the land soon.

A magnificent New School building
for Holbrook will be built this sum-
mer. It is no boom, but solid business.

Get a good water system for the
town with good water, that is what we
need first. Let us have good water at
any cost.

Holbrook, of only an elevation of
5000 feet, is neither too warm or too
cold, but an ideal climate. Watch Hol-
brook, she will grow.

Really a Compliment.

Aaron Bancroft, the father of the
historian, was a Massachusetts clergy-
man who revolted against the Calvinism
of the day. The young minister found
himself held at arm's length by the sur-
rounding clergy. In "The Life and
Letters of George Bancroft" M. A.
DeW. Howe quotes the following item
from the old minister's "Memoranda":
An honest but not very intelligent
farmer of my parish, some ten years
ago, accosted me in this manner:

"Well, Mr. Bancroft, what do you
think the people of the old parish say
of you now?"

I answered, "I hope something very
good."

"They say, 'If we find fault with
him he does not mind it at all; and if
we praise him he does not mind it, but
keeps steadily on his own way; we
therefore have concluded that it is best
to let him alone.'"

The farmer mentioned the fact as a
subject of laughter, but I thought, and
still think that, taking the declaration
in its bearings, it was the proudest
compliment I have received through my
whole life.

Worked Hard, Too.

A persistent lawyer who had been
trying to establish a witness' suspicious
connection with an offending railroad
was at last elated by the witness' ad-
mission that he "had worked on the
railroad."

"Ah!" said the attorney, with a sat-
isfied smile, "you say you have worked
on the P. T. & X?"

"Yes."

"For how long a period?"

"Off and on for seven years, or since
I have lived at Peacedale on their line."

"Ah! You say you were in the em-
ploy of the P. T. & X. for seven years,
off and on?"

"No. I did not say that I was in the
employ of the P. T. & X. I said that I
had worked on the road, off and on,
for that length of time."

"Do you wish to convey the impres-
sion that you have worked for the P.
T. & X. for seven years without re-
ward?" asked the attorney.

"Absolutely without reward," the
witness answered calmly. "For seven
years, off and on, I've tried to open the
windows in the P. T. & X. cars, and
never once have I succeeded."

Appreciative.

A Scottish parson, still on the under
side of 40, was driving home from an
outlying hamlet when he overtook a
young woman. He recognized her as
the maid of all work at a farm which
he would pass, so he pulled up and of-
fered her a lift. Mary gladly accepted
his offer and then chatted pleasantly
all the way to the farm gate.

"Thank you, sir," she said as she got
down.

"Don't mention it, Mary. Don't men-
tion it," he told her, politely.

"No, I won't," Mary obligingly as-
sured him.

He Was.

"You're a traveling man, I presume,
Mr. Wattles," ventured the new hotel
clerk, with an affable smile.

"Yes, sir," said the big, bearded ath-
lete who had just registered. "Do I look
like a traveling woman?"

Topics & Times

Cuba is going in for baseball. She'll
be a great country yet.

Everything may be made of cement
by and by. This may be the dawn of
the cement age.

Does anybody remember the name of
the gentleman who became president of
Hayti a few weeks ago?

After all it is the wedding march
composed by Mendelssohn that keeps
his memory marching on.

Denver has a three-weeks-old baby
that can talk. Let us hope she will
grow up to be a useful woman.

"Marriage is a woman's duty," says
a magazine writer. And the average
woman governs herself accordingly.

In sleeping out of doors during the
winter season it is permissible for bald-
headed gentlemen to wear stocking
caps.

If Hero Binns, on a salary of \$12 a
week, refused an offer of \$1,000 a week
from a dime museum manager, he is
indeed a hero.

"New Jersey has discovered foot-
prints of the devil." And in all proba-
bility about half the men in the State
are following them.

Mr. Fairbanks will take a trip
around the world. Thus the world will
get an opportunity to see what an ex-
ercise president looks like.

Aristocratic hotels in London now
offer pedigreed oysters to their guests,
many of whom have long been acquaint-
ed with pedigreed lobsters.

Headwear made of straw was already
in use among the ancient Greeks, but
straw hats, like those we wear, did not
come into use in Europe until half a
century ago.

"Should actresses marry?" asks a
French paper. Yes; but it might be
well if they were to quit marrying as
often as they have been in the habit of
marrying heretofore.

King Alfonso was allowed to sit in
the flying machine and try the levers,
but he had promised his wife that he
would not go up, and he didn't. There's
a kingly man for you!

The Ladies' Home Journal is right—
a lady should precede her escort down
the aisle of the theater, but in church-
going, lest he should get away, she
should shoo the man on ahead.

A Kentucky woman wants a divorce
because her husband whistled and sang
while she scolded him. The poor fel-
low's name should be sent to the Car-
negie hero commission at once.

Russia is going to build 148,179
school houses within the next ten years.
Teaching the children that two and
two make four will be much better
than having them studying the art of
throwing bombs at crowned heads.

Fog is the one great obstacle to safe
and speedy navigation, against which
science has made little progress. Science
cannot re-enforce eyes or glasses to the
point that will penetrate the curtain
of the fog, but indirectly science by the
wireless telegraphy can throw out
warnings which if not complete are of
mighty assistance to the puzzled man
on the bridge who is enabled to pick
them up.

An American citizen has been releas-
ed after being locked up on a false
arrest for two weeks in a British jail in
Gulanna. It was after energetic work
by this government that he was allowed
to prove his identity. If the case were
reversed, the British government would
have been in an indignant state of in-
sistence on its subject's release, for
there is no point on which the British
government is so tenacious as the
rights and liberties of its own subjects
in other lands. But governments, like
individuals, are apt to be a trifle in-
consistent.

Amid all our questioning certain facts
remain. We know that mother's love,
the love of wife, of husband, of chil-
dren, and of friends, is real. We know
that some men spend their lives for a
great cause, that some will die for the
truth. Every day the press tells of
some deed that reveals the capacity for
heroic action that lies in all men. On
every hand we see evidences of good-
will and kindness. No bitter experi-
ence, no misfortune, should blind our
eyes to these great facts of life. On
these we can build a faith that reaches
to God.

A witness should be made to under-
stand at once upon taking the stand

what is expected of him, and to sub-
mit graciously and patiently to any
kind of examination short of physical
attack which lawyers may make. Sup-
pose an attorney snarls, snaps, and
growls at the witness, or sneeringly
smiles a suspicion. What of it? A
witness is only an unprotected, defense-
less citizen doing his duty; to be ter-
rified or cajoled into revealing his inner-
most thoughts according to the way the
lawyer intends him to speak them. To
impugn the veracity of a witness by
insinuation or veiled threats is a legiti-
mate device for rolling him to the
point of saying something which may
be used to advantage against him.
What! A witness to be allowed to tell
a simple tale of what he had seen or
heard, uninterrupted and undismayed?
Never! Justice might be precipitated,
and witnesses might retain their self-
respect. Witnesses may be distressed,
bullied, and cowed, but legal circum-
locution must be preserved and the
dignity of the advocate safeguarded.

One of the denominational religious
publications which secures statistics
each year on the growth of the church
population of the United States has
just published figures which show a
smaller increase in 1908 than in 1907.
The earlier year was, however, phe-
nomenal in certain details of the re-
corded growth, and the increase of the
last year is not at all disappointing.
The figures show a net increase for
1908 of 2,835 ministers, 1,874 churches
and 720,647 communicants. The growth
of the Catholic church is, of course, in-
cluded, though the statistics come from
a Protestant source. The most inter-
esting feature of the statistics is a
comparison with similar statistics of
1890. The total number of communi-
cants to-day is put at 34,282,543, or al-
most 40 per cent of the entire esti-
mated population of the nation, and
this is a growth of 66 per cent in the
last eighteen years. The number of
ministers in 1908, 165,725, indicates a
growth of 49 per cent in the period.
And the number of churches, 213,049,
shows a growth of 49 per cent. That
this growth is really of great signifi-
cance appears when one compares it
with the total growth of the country
in population in the same period. Of
course, the 1908 population figure must
be an estimate, but if one takes the es-
timate used by government authorities
at Washington one is safe enough. On
this basis the growth of our population
has been only just about 40 per cent
in the eighteen years. The rate of in-
crease in church communicants is
therefore more than half again as
rapid as that of total population. The
churches are indeed to be congratulated
on the showing.

DEADLY HORNETS.

The Ones That Buzzed About the
Young Soldier's Ears.

A great general was taking his reg-
iment into action. He sent forward a
detail of men to make gaps in a rail
fence to avoid the heavy loss sure to
result if the whole body of men paused
to tear it down.

The coolest and finest man in the de-
tail was a young soldier who had never
been under fire before. When he began
pulling down the fence he fancied he
had disturbed a nest of hornets, as he
thought he heard them singing fiercely
about his ears. But the lad was not
going to run from hornets when there
was more serious business ahead.
Ignoring the angry insects, he
opened the fence and rejoined the reg-
iment without being stung.

In a day or two he was surprised to
hear that he was to be promoted.

"But," he said modestly, "I don't
think I deserve promotion over the
others."

"My boy," replied the general, "I
saw you pull down that fence. You
were the coolest man under fire I ever
saw!"

The man gasped, stared and turned
pale.

"What!" he exclaimed, regardless of
grammar. "Was them wasps bullets?"

As Time Is Reckoned.



"They do say there be sixty minutes
in every hour, Jack."

"That may be, Tom, but they do be
awful short minutes they put in th'
noon hour."

One of these days a baby will wake
up in a photograph gallery to find its
mother bending over it with drapery
on her head, a la Madonna, and the
child will be so shocked to think its
mother has worn the dishcloth down
town, that it will spell the picture by
throwing a p.

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